

## **Bruce Life Master Pairs/Young Pairs Special Conditions of Contest**

The General Conditions of Contest (CoC) for pairs events will apply to these events, subject to the following special CoC. These CoC may not be changed during the event.

### **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

The Bruce LM Pairs will consist of pairs of Life Masters, each of whom are paid-up ACBL Members and have fewer than 6000 masterpoints (MPs) as of the ACBL computer run of the month preceding the event. The Young Pairs will consist of pairs, each of whom are paid-up ACBL Members and have fewer than 2500 masterpoints (MPs) as of the ACBL computer run of the month preceding the event. A player who has equivalent status in a bridge organization other than the ACBL and who is a Member of the ACBL may request, in writing, an exemption from the requirement to be an ACBL Life Master. Only the DIC may grant this request.

### **CONVENTIONS**

Bidding and carding methods permitted, restricted or not permitted in these events are per the ACBL General Chart.

### **SCORING AND PLAY**

1. These Pairs events will consist of six sessions: two qualifying, two semi-final and two final.
2. Between 40% and 50% in each group will qualify from the qualifying sessions to the semi-finals and from the semi-finals to the finals. The intent is to have two to four sections in the finals, unless a larger field is needed. Ties for the last qualifying position will be broken as per ACBL regulation.
3. There will be a carryover from the qualifying sessions to the semi-final. The carryover will be calculated as per ACBL regulations, but the spread from top to bottom can be no greater than two and one-half boards. There will be a carryover from the semi-finals to the finals, but the spread can be no greater than four boards.
4. For purposes of qualifying or for determining final overall ranking, any fraction of a matchpoint will be sufficient separation.
5. The DIC is permitted to combine as many sections as logical for scoring. Qualification of contestants for subsequent stages shall be based on overall standing in the entire field, regardless of section or direction.
6. Regarding any of the above or any of the General CoC of ACBL pairs events, the decision of the DIC shall be final.